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OPERATING THE SAME

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

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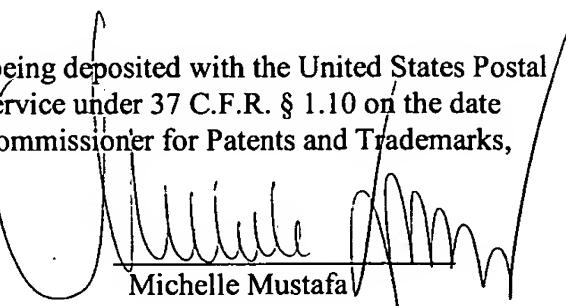
1. Japanese Laid Open Patent Application Hei 6-176137 dated June 24, 1994.

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2. Japanese Utility Model registration No. 3,032,679 dated October 9, 1996.

Applicant is submitting a copy of the above-cited references. The relevance of the above-identified references has been described in the specification.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no statement or fee is required.

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